

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3663
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2000
SMUGGLING THROUGH SAMJHAUTA EXPRESS
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Samjhauta Express has become an increasing source of smuggling and unlawful activities;
- (b) if so, the number of persons booked and punished during the last years till date;
- (c) whether security/intelligence agencies have failed to check smuggling and unlawful activities being carried on through this train; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to stop such activities in future ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) & (b): Some cases of smuggling of fake currency, arms, ammunition and narcotics through Samjhauta Express have come to notice. As per available information, 12 Pakistanis, 12 Indians and 2 Afghans have been arrested in this regard since 1999.

(c) & (d): The security and intelligence agencies are alert. Thorough checking of passenger baggage is being done at Attari. Action is also being taken to neutralise the activities of Sawari operators. Railways have provided trolleys at Attari and ordered the removal of coolies.